

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The specification has been conformed to correspond to the preferred format for U.S. patent applications as required in the Office Action, and a Substitute Specification and Comparison Copy are submitted herewith.

Claims 1-8 are presently pending in this application, and applicants note with appreciation their substantive allowance.

The claims were rejected on formal grounds under Section 112 for indefiniteness resulting from missing antecedents.

Claim 1 has been carefully reviewed, and the deficiencies noted on page 2 of the Office Action have been corrected. In addition, applicants made further changes to the claims of a purely formal nature to make the claims more easily readable for purposes of clarification unrelated to patentability concerns.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a formal communication to that effect at an early date is requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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